# Massasoit Community College

## Thirty - Fourth
## Commencement Exercises
## 2001

Friday Evening
The First of June
Two Thousand and One

# ODE TO MASSASOIT

Long ago Chief Massasoit,
Here in this Old Colony,
Granted peace and trust to strangers,
Pilgrims from across the sea.

We salute you, Massasoit,
Proudly sharing in your name
Faith, endurance, peace and knowledge,
Gifts of strength we now proclaim.

We will hold aloft our banner,
Massasoit's green and white,
Keeping firm our hope and courage,
Forging paths of human right.

With endurance, faith for the future,
Pride where there once was none in sight,
We share learning with all people,
Peace and love our guiding light.

*Words written by*
*Professor Dorothy Gibbs and Afrika Hayes Lambe*

## *Order of Exercises*

Prelude.....The Massasoit Senior Orchestra

*The Academic Procession

*"America the Beautiful" .....Professor Elizabeth Morrell
Soloist

*Invocation .....Reverend Dayan Johnson
Lighthouse of Faith in Christ Jesus

Welcome .....Dr. Robert R. Rose
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Greetings from The Board of Trustees .....Andrew Burbine, Esq.
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Address to Students .....Honorable Andrew H. Card Jr.
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Charge to the College.....Andrew Burbine, Esq.
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Conferral of Degrees and Certificates
Awarding of Degrees and Certificates ..... Dr. Robert R. Rose
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Representing the Class of 2001.....Gwen J. Barnes
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*Benediction .....Reverend Dayan Johnson
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*The Recessional

President's Reception.....College Quadrangle

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Platform Party.....Dr. Paul Beran, Marshal
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Announcer of Graduates..... Professor T.P. Elliot-Smith

*The audience is requested to stand.

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## The Academic Procession and Regalia

The academic procession is one of the oldest traditions of colleges throughout the world. In medieval times the ordinary dress of the university scholar, whether student or teacher, was the dress of the cleric including a long gown, and often in cold weather a cloak with a hood which could be pulled up over the head for cover and protection.

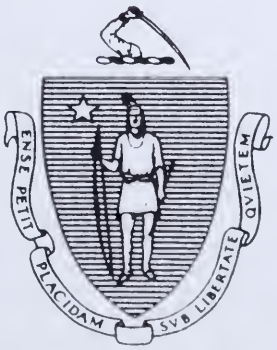
Although fashions have changed since the 16th century, scholars of the post-medieval period have retained the academic attire. Eventually the attire was prescribed by university statutes to distinguish the different faculties and degrees-of-learning. The associate, bachelor, master, and doctoral gowns differ stylistically in cut and decorative motif.

The colorful hoods, which indicate fields of learning and the institutions conferring the degree, were originally worn over the head, but during the 16th century, caps were adopted and the hood was draped over the shoulder.

A long tassel is attached to the middle part of the top of the cap, to drape over the left edge of the mortar board. The tassel may be black, gold, or the color appropriate to the academic field or level of achievement.

An Intercollegiate Code has been adopted to represent the different departments of learning and has set forth the standards for academic dress in the United States. The hoods are lined with the official colors of the college from which the wearer received his or her highest degree, while the collar of the hood denotes the academic subject area in which the wearer majored. These colors are assigned according to the following scheme:

| | |
|---|---|
| Agriculture | Maize |
| Arts, Letters and Humanities | White |
| Business Administration | Drab |
| Dentistry | Lilac |
| Economics | Copper |
| Education | Light Blue |
| Engineering | Orange |
| Fine Arts | Brown |
| Forestry | Russet |
| Home Economics | Maroon |
| Journalism | Crimson |
| Law | Purple |
| Library Science | Lemon |
| Medicine | Green |
| Music | Pink |
| Nursing | Apricot |
| Oratory (Speech) | Silver Gray |
| Pharmacy | Olive Green |
| Philosophy | Dark Blue |
| Physical Education | Sage Green |
| Public Administration | Peacock Blue |
| Public Health | Salmon Pink |
| Science | Gold-Yellow |
| Social Science | Citron |
| Theology or Divinity | Scarlet |
| Veterinary Science | Gray |



## "AMERICA, THE BEAUTIFUL"

*Katherine Lee Bates, Samuel A. Ward*

O beautiful for spacious skies,
For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties
Above the fruited plain.

*Chorus*
America! America!
God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea.

O beautiful for patriot dream
That sees beyond the years,
Thine alabaster cities gleam
Undimmed by human tears.

*Chorus*
America! America!
God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea.